

RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes of the
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
held electronically via Google Meet
from the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury
on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Present: Trustees: D. Morrison (Chair), B. Clement, L. Debassige, D. Dewar, A. Gibson, J. Hunda, J. Kosmerly, M. Stringer, K. St. Jean
Officials: N. Blaseg – Director and Secretary of the Board
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents
Staff: N. Charette, H. Thirkill, D. Kitching, S. Ackroyd, D. Digby, T. Hayes, C. Whitson

Chair Morrison advised that the meeting was being live-streamed in the interest of public access and for the safety of staff and the public.

A. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: J.Kosmerly/K.St.Jean

That the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting for August 11, 2020 be approved as amended. The amendment being that item *D 3. Capital Update* be deferred to a future Board Meeting.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

Carried

B. **PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** NIL

C. **PRESENTATIONS**

September School Reopening Plan

As directed by the Ministry of Education, Director Blaseg advised that Rainbow Schools will re-open for in-class instruction in elementary and secondary schools with enhanced health and safety protocols from Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

Director Blaseg stressed that the health, safety and well-being of students and staff remains the top priority as Rainbow District School Board prepares to welcome students back to class on September 8 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Reference was made to the *Rainbow Schools Reopening Guide 2020-2021 School Year* that was shared with trustees prior to the meeting.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

D. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Minutes**

Motion: D.Dewar/L.Debassige

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on March 3, 2020 be approved.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

Carried

2. **2020/21 Budget**

Superintendent of Business Bazinet reviewed the Budget and answered questions from trustees.

Motion: J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly

That the Rainbow District School Board 2020/2021 budget be recommended to the Board for approval.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour

Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: Opposed
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

Carried

E. **NEW BUSINESS** NIL

F. **FUTURE ITEMS**

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Poverty

Policy Review

- Policy No. GOV-05: Code of Conduct: Board Members
- Policy No. GOV-15: Student Accommodation

Public Health Sudbury and Districts

Student Senate

G. **TRUSTEES' REMARKS**

Trustee Stringer thanked administration for the volumes of work that has been done in prior weeks to create a safe return to school implementation to the provincial plan for Rainbow students.

Motion: M.Stringer/B.Clement

Be it resolved that the Strategic Planning Committee recommends that the Board write a letter to the Minister of Education to advise of our deep concern that its planning for re-opening schools in September does not adequately provide for a safe re-opening.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: In-favour
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: In-favour
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

Carried unanimously

Motion: M.Stringer/B.Clement

Be it resolved that the Strategic Planning Committee recommends that the

Board write a letter to the Minister of Education to urgently request that Rainbow DSB be made a designated Board.

Poll vote

Bob Clement: In-favour
Linda Debassige: Abstain
Doreen Dewar: In-favour
Anita Gibson: Opposed
Judy Hunda: In-favour
Judy Kosmerly: In-favour
Dena Morrison: In-favour
Kerrie St Jean: In-favour
Margaret Stringer: In-favour

Carried

H. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

September 15, 2020
October 13, 2020
November 3, 2020
November 24, 2020
January 12, 2021
February 2, 2021
March 2, 2021
April 6, 2021
May 4, 2021
June 8, 2021

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: B.Clement/J.Hunda

That the meeting be adjourned (9:05 pm). - **Carried**